



AUGUST 8, 2021 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Catholic Center

Dear Catholic Community at UGA,

In the first reading, we recall the ancient story of Elijah from the Old Testament. Elijah was a prophet who stood up for God; he was God’s spokesperson. Just a few verses prior, Elijah had challenged a rival community to a divine showdown. He invited the pagan community to summon their gods... while he summoned the God of Israel. The God of Israel showed up in a dramatic scene and their gods failed to show up. The King and Queen heard about the showdown and were furious, sending troops to kill Elijah. Afraid, Elijah fled for his life.

This is where the first reading picks up: "Elijah went a day’s journey into the desert." Elijah fled harms way and trekked into the desert. Exhausted, he was also tired of being a prophet. Living the life of a prophet had put him in this situation. He prays for God to end his life and spare him the dishonor of being killed by others. While taking a nap on the journey, God sends an Angel who feeds him and strengthens him physically, mentally and spiritually. God cares for Elijah in his dark season.

In my own life, I recall being cared for by others during my dark seasons. When everything became chaotic and the way forward was intimidating, I saw family and close friends standing by me during my times of need. When I needed strength and could not muster it with my own strength, I found it in others. While I felt alone in my dark season, I was cared for amidst it. I believe our God cares for us in these moments - through other people. It could be by means of family members, close friends, community members or even strangers. While we are accustomed to lamenting amidst our darkest seasons, we're also able to receive care from our God who strengthens us.

“...strengthened by that food, Elijah walked forty days and forty nights.”

In Christ,
Father Brian

New weekend Mass times will begin on August 15:

Saturday: 5PM

Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, and 5PM

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Mass Readings

Saturday - Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
5PM - Betty DeGuilo †

Sunday - 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51

8AM - Prayers of Thanksgiving
11AM - Mark Doorley Sr. †

Monday - Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

5:30PM - Carole O’Connor †

Tuesday - 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

5:30PM - Karen L. Craig †

Wednesday - Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

5:30PM - Fr. Frank Critch

Thursday - Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21-19:1

5:30PM - Carlos Cassera

Friday - Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12

8AM - Frank Elliott †

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Mass

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8AM, 11AM

Monday - Thursday: 5:30PM

Friday: 8AM

Confession

Wednesday: 4-5PM

Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM

Weekly Adoration

Will resume in August

NEWS FROM FR. FRANK:

The borders have finally opened. Fr. Frank Critch's sister Brenda and brother Patrick who died last year will have their funeral 11 am on August 23rd at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in St. John's Newfoundland, Canada. Thank you for all your prayers and support over the past year. You are all missed. Much love going your way. (Editor's Note: Fr. Frank's address is St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fr. Frank Critch, OFM, 31 Pompton Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442)

COVID-19 UPDATE

Per CDC and Archdiocese guidance we are encouraging all Catholic Center members, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks indoors. As a reminder, those who are unvaccinated must wear a mask inside at all times. The Archdiocese of Atlanta encourages everyone to receive a COVID-19 vaccine unless there is a medical reason not to do so. We will continue to monitor local and CDC protocols. Thank you for continuing to keep our members and the Athens community safe!

PRISON MINISTRY

The Archdiocese of Atlanta has requested that prison ministry be coordinated at a local level in order to provide the best spiritual care for many who often are unvisited. Tom Smith has graciously agreed to organize prison ministry for the Catholic Center. By volunteering your time, those who are incarcerated are able to receive the Blessed Sacrament as well as social, catechetical, and sacramental support. Please listen if the Holy Spirit is calling you to help bring new life to those in need of His mercy, forgiveness, love, and hope. No experience necessary—we will train and equip you! For more information or to get involved, contact Tom Smith at 706-207-8346 or tsmith1025@gmail.com.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

We are developing small groups of 8-10 community members who would like to grow in faith together. These groups will meet in individuals' homes. If you are interested in possibly joining a small group, please complete the Google form, available at bit.ly/CC_SmallGroups or by using the QR code by August 16.

**19TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC CENTER DOOLEY CLASSIC**

Join us Friday, September 10 at the UGA Golf Course for a day of golfing, prizes, delicious food and more. Raffle tickets will be available for anyone to purchase after weekend Masses for 3 weeks starting August 21st. Proceeds from the tournament will support the Catholic Center's activities and ministries. To register to golf or to become a sponsor, go to the Catholic Center website at ccatuga.org or pick up a brochure in the front office or the back of the Chapel. Volunteers are needed on the day of the event. Contact Jenni at stewardship@ccatuga.org to volunteer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

August 1st, was the feast day of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Italian Catholic Bishop in the 1700's. One of his famous quotes is: Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends.

2021-2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION OPEN

We now have 110 registered students for RE. We are looking forward to seeing everyone! The 2021-2022 RE Registrations are found on the website: www.ccatuga.org

FAITH FORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CATECHISTS

Parents and catechists are invited to register for the Southeast Catechist Conference, August 12-15 for a free and virtual gathering that will equip you to be a strong witness and evangelizer of your Catholic Faith. Register at www.go.virtualcatholicconference.com/SCC2021

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

Promise to protect, pledge to heal - you are family - we are here to listen and take action. To report abuse by a member of the clergy, volunteer, or church personnel of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, please contact the office of child and youth protection at 404-920-7550.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATES

Thank you for continuing to generously share your treasures with the Catholic Center for its operations, ministries, and outreach programs. For any questions, please contact the Center.

July 25, 2021

\$7,894.00 - Offertory \$155.00 - Alms

August 1, 2021

\$9,496.57 - Offertory \$135.00 - Alms

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Joel Alesi, Bill Burden, Grace Byrne, Shannon Campbell, Brian Carr, Carlos Cassera, Chip Chandler, Lori Craig, Norma d'Azzo, Peter Dang, Lindsey Davis, Elena Dekazos, MaryAnn Deom, Morgan Doorley, Tom Eaton, Ella Ewing, Carol Garbon, Mildred George, Judy Hayes, the Hemphill Family, Bob Henry, Ann Johnson, Mary Kurtz, Pats Laniak, Jill Liberatore, Cecile Maher, Angela Mancinelli, Jim Miller, Joyce Milner, Susan Moore, Barbara O'Brien, Heather Owens, Sharon Perrine, Richard Pfundstein, Lee Prendergast, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Lisa Siciliano, Jimmy Simons, Eileen Sinda, Chandler Thompson, Doug Tigert, Juan Tristan, Raquel Tristan, Yolanda Tristan, Frank Trocino, Dorothy Wasko, and Joan Weiss.

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Nora Risher.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for August: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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